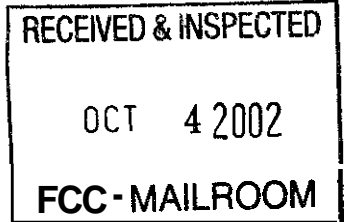


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October 1, 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission's Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination **for** Universal Service Administrative Company
Board **of** Directors, CC Docket Nos. **97-21** and **96-45**. (Representative **for** low-
income consumers)

Dear Ms. Dortch

The RTC Consumer Advisory Committee would like to whole-heartily endorse Linda West as a nominee to fill the vacancy of Representative for low-income consumers on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board. Linda West would be an excellent choice to your board as she is a very capable individual who could clearly represent consumer concerns of low income rural telephone consumers. Linda has served on the Ronan Telephone Consumer Advisory Committee, representing Flathead Reservation low-income consumers for five years. Linda has most recently represented our RTC Consumer Advisory Committee by meeting with Montana Senator Max Baucus, the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau, Chairman Powell's legal staff, Kyle Dixon, as well as several other senatorial offices in Washington, D.C. to express our community concerns regarding FCC orders and policies affecting low income rural telephone consumers.

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Linda is a life-long resident of our community and is an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation. She is an active participant in community service activities, such as RTC Consumer Advisory Committee. Linda has been a long-term employee of our Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal government. Linda's life-long experiences would provide positive breadth and insight to your Universal Service Administrative Company Board.

The Consumer Advisory Committee to the Ronan Telephone Company would like **you** to give serious consideration in selecting Linda West to fill the board vacancy representing low income consumers.

If I can be of further help in this matter, please feel free to contact me at 406-675-2700.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corwin Clairmont", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Corwin Clairmont
Chairman
RTC Consumer Advisory Committee

**LINDA L. WEST
PROFESSIONAL RESUME**

Linda L. West
Member of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Flathead Indian Reservation

PRESENT ADDRESS: 715 Andrew NW
Ronan, MT 59864
(406) 676-2293 (home phone)
(406) 275-2727 (work phone)

DATE OF BIRTH: 11/26/45

MARITAL STATUS: Married, two children (Daniel working construction living in Idaho and Rodney currently attending Montana State University on a U.S. Army "Green to Gold Scholarship)

EDUCATION:

Graduated Arlee High School, Arlee, MT 1963
Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, MT (continuing with emphasis in business management and computer science)
Palomar Junior College, San Marcos, CA
(other classes including, but not by way of limitation, general studies, precision writing, advertising)
Total of 30 college credits and 35 credits in adult continuation classes

MEMBER OF SELECTED ORGANIZATIONS:

Ronan Telephone Company Consumer Advisory Committee (RTCCAC)
Employee Representative on Credit Union Board of Directors (Federated Stores)
Employee Representative on Personnel Board (CS & KT)
PTA
Altar Society
Marine Corps Wives' Club
Youth Organizations

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

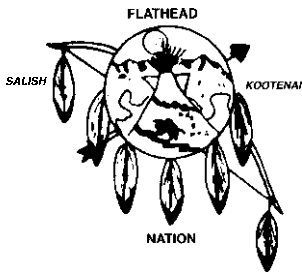
WORK EXPERIENCE: DESCENDING

Collections/Compliance Officer, CS & KT Credit Program
Administrative Assistant to the Director of Natural Resources, CS & KT
Worked for the Tribes for the past 23 years 9 months covering the fields of
administrative, bookkeeping, loan experience

Have assisted with grant writing and grant accounting

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Meeting with FCC Commissioners, Staff, and Congressional Representatives in
Washington, D.C., as a member of the RTCCAC
Attended numerous conferences on Indian Housing Issues held at different locations in
the Continental U.S. and Hawaii (over the past 23 years)
Attended numerous training sessions dealing with Government Regulations, Policies and
Procedures with references to contracts and grants (over the past 23 years)



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SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes are pleased to write this letter of endorsement for Linda L. West, who has been nominated by the Ronan Telephone Company Consumer Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy of Representative for low-income consumers on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

D. Fred Matt, Chairman
Tribal Council

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